

House Resolution 1292

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Peake of the 141st, Beverly of the 143rd, Epps of the 144th, Houston of the 170th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dan Gary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Dan Gary on October 20, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary was the beloved son of Glenda and Warren Gary; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his life, he showed exceptional commitment to the Georgia Forestry
6 Commission (GFC); and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary began in 1985 as a forester in Bulloch County, yet his intelligence,
8 drive, and people skills accelerated him from forester, to the GFC's youngest ever district
9 forester, to director of field operations, and finally to the post of administrative director at
10 GFC's Macon headquarters; and

11 WHEREAS, during his time at the GFC, he led and developed implementation of the
12 Incident Command System in the Ogeechee District; took on tedious and complicated
13 administration and CFO duties; guided GFC through the backstage financial intricacies of
14 Georgia's devastating 2007 and 2011 wildfire seasons; led GFC through the recession as they
15 faced unprecedented budget and staff reductions; economically renovated and oversaw
16 construction of on-site buildings; initiated and perfected automated systems for employee
17 time sheets and expenses; procured and managed \$10 million in ARRA grants; and
18 established the Fire Fighter Property program to enhance safety and save money; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Gary retired from the GFC on June 1, 2014, after almost 29 years of
20 service, and briefly worked at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife of 26 years, Deede, and was
22 blessed with three remarkable children, Kayla, Jarod, and Zach, and one wonderful
23 granddaughter, Issabella; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Dan Gary will long be remembered for
28 his tireless work ethic, easy-going smile, and love of family and friendship, and this loyal
29 husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
30 knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Dan Gary and express
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Mr. Dan Gary.